

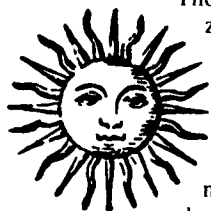


DECEMBER 25-31, 2000

NEW MOON, DECEMBER 25

PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Besides the usual delights of Christmas, December 25 this year also offers the spectacle of a partial eclipse of the Sun, visible throughout all of North America with the exception of Alaska. This is the fourth and final solar eclipse of 2000. If you add viewing it to your winter festivities, be sure to wear proper eye protection. Those in the Eastern Standard Time zone get the longest period of viewing, with the eclipse beginning at about 11:00 A.M. and concluding at about 2:00 P.M. In Central Time regions, the event runs from about 9:30 A.M. until noon. Those on the West Coast should begin looking for it from about 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M., PST.



Is it so small a thing / To have enjoy'd the sun...?

-Matthew Arnold

TIP OF THE WEEK

Give a gift to Mother Earth; what can you recycle today?

AVOCADO MOUSSE

1/2 tablespoon powdered gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
3/4 cup hot water
2 cups mashed, ripe avocado
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1-1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 tablespoons minced parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt

mashed avocado with whipped cream and other ingredients, and blend well. Fold chilled, thickened gelatin into this mixture, then spoon into a mold and chill until firm, for 30 to 45 minutes.

Soak gelatin in cold water, then dissolve in hot water. Set aside to chill in refrigerator. Mix



Makes 4 servings.

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Report Supplied By USDA

Dec. 18, 2000

CATTLE 492, CALVES 530, HOGS 117, SHEEP 11, GOATS 102. LAST MONDAY CATTLE 514, CALVES 579, HOGS 55, SHEEP 20, GOATS 133. CATTLE: No comparisons given with last Monday's auction.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 couple 1350-1450 lbs 75.25-77.25. Choice 2-3 1180-1485 lbs 68.50-75.50; 1635-1655 lbs 66.00-67.50. Select 1-3 62.00-69.75. Standard 1-2 few 54.00-56.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1220-1475 lbs 64.75-66.25. Choice 2-3 1485-1545 lbs 60.00-63.25. Select 1-2 51.00-58.50. Standard 1-2 46.25-49.25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1145-1380 lbs 75.00-76.25. Choice 2-4 1095-1335 lbs 68.25-73.75. Select 1-3 few 62.00-66.25. Standard 1-2 51.50-59.75.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean 38.00-43.00. Boners 80-85 percent lean 35.75-41.50. Lean 85-90 percent lean 31.00-39.75, mostly 33.00-38.25. SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1180-1840 lbs 50.75-55.75, individual up to 58.50. Yield Grade 2 1075-2380 lbs 45.00-50.25.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lbs 97.00-122.50; 575-600 lbs 84.00-86.00; few 950-1050 lbs 68.00-69.00. Medium and Large 2 230-375 lbs 88.00-96.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 240-350 lbs 88.00-92.50; 425-485 lbs 75.00-86.00; 500-550 lbs 70.00-80.00;

640-790 lbs 66.00-71.00. Medium and Large 2 265-465 lbs 63.00-70.00, 500-650 lbs 60.00-68.00. FEEDER BULLS Medium and Large 1 295-435 lbs 87.00-107.00; 500-695 lbs 64.50-80.00. Medium and Large 2 470-540 lbs 68.00-77.00.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-110 lbs 50.00-72.50. Utility 60-75 lbs 10.00-30.00, few down to 5.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls Number 1 95-125 lbs 130.00-170.00, mostly 130.00-160.00; 80-90 lbs 115.00-132.50. Number 2 80-120 lbs 70.00-135.00. Holstein heifers Number 1 few 105-115 lbs 300.00-330.00. Number 2 70-100 lbs 100.00-270.00. Beef type bulls and heifers 70-100 lbs 90.00-195.00.

BARROWS AND GILTS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT PRICE 45-50 215-270 lbs 38.00-40.00 40-45 310-340 lbs 37.00-42.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 340-470 lbs 30.00-41.50 500-585 lbs 38.00-41.50.

BOARS: Individual 455 lbs 10.50.

FEEDER PIGS: Utility (Sold for slaughter) 75-100 lbs 57.50-70.00/per cwt. SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice individual 115 lbs 78.00.

NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice few 35-40 lbs 180.00-220.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: Utility 1-3 32.00-45.00.

GOATS: All sold per head. (Supply included over 100 head Boer Crosses) Billies: Large 66.00-105.00. Medium 47.00-117.50. Nannies: Large 40.00-87.00. Bred 100.00-185.00. Medium 32.50-82.50. Kids: Large 30.00-63.00. Small 11.00-25.00.

Friend's Stockyard, Inc.

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Monday, Dec. 18, 2000

STOCK STEERS AND BULLS 200-500 LBS. 50.00-97.00

STOCK HEIFERS 200-500 LBS 66.00-92.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE 70.00-77.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 61.00-68.50, HEAVY CHOICE OVER 1450 LBS. 61.00-68.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS HEAVY CHOICE 51.75-65.00, LIGHT 50.00-70.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 68.00-75.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 50.00-67.50.

BULLS HEAVY 43.75-53.00, LIGHT 40.00-60.00.

COWS UTILITY (HOLSTEINS) 38.50-43.50, COMMERCIAL TO GOOD 30.00-38.00, CULL COWS 31.00 AND DOWN.

VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE 50.00-91.00, MED. TO GOOD 50.00-67.00.

BOB CALVES 50.00 AND DOWN.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 150.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 330.00; BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 155.00.

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